THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) The details of deployment of the Force and its duty schedule cannot be disclosed in public interest.

(b) The officers and other ranks including jawans remain posted in one area/frontier for a period of 3-4 years.

(c) and (d) Whenever any report against BSF persons indulging in corrupt practices is received, immediate action is taken to enquiry into the matter and depending on the enquiry report disciplinary action is initiated against the concerned BSF personnel. A total of 05 BSF personnel were punished on this count according to gravity of the offences committed by them during last three years.

Massacre of Sikhs in Chattisinghpura Village

2801. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of Sikhs were killed by Pakistan backed mercenaries at Chattisinghpura village in Kashmir as reported in all the newspapers dated 22nd March, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have sought detailed report from the J&K Government in this regard;

(c) the total number of Sikhs killed and efforts made by the Central/ State Government to apprehend the culprits;

(d) whether the State Government have failed to protect the people residing in the valley; and

(e) the details of compensation etc. paid by the Central/State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (d) During the night, intervening March 20-21, terrorists armed with sophisticated weapons entered into Sikh dominated Chattisinghpura village, in Anantnag district and shot dead 35 persons belonging to the Sikh community.

Security forces immediately launched operations to apprehend the terrorists involved in the massacre. A local resident of Chattisinghpura was arrested for participating in the carnage, and the security forces conducted raids on terrorist hideouts resulting in the killing of a number of terrorists,

alleged to have participated in the incident. The security forces have already strengthened the security arrangements in the Sikh inhabited villages in the valley by *inter alia* providing security pickets. It has also been decided to set up village defence committees in such villages, where sufficient volunteers are available.

(e) *Ex-gratia* payment to the next of kin of civilians killed due to terrorist related violence is made by the State Government on the basis of fixed norms.

ISI Activities in Samjhauta Express

2802. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Samjhauta Express between India and Pakistan has become ISI's new vehicle for pumping counterfeit notes, drugs and even explosives in small quantities into India;

(b) if so, the number of persons so far arrested from the train and the quantity of explosives, drugs and counterfeit notes seized from them; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to check such activities in the said train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) Instances of misuse of Samjhauta Express by smugglers and repeater passengers for clandestine induction of contraband, fake Indian currency notes, drugs, weapons etc. into India have came to notice.

(b) Details may kindly be seen at the statement (*See* below)

(c) It has been decided by the Government to take additional measures to curb smuggling of contraband from this train. These measures include 100% manual checking of baggage enforcing baggage restriction augmenting the security set-up, sanitising of platforms and dispensing with the services of coolies and strengthening of vigilance mechanisms to prevent corruption amongst the staff deployed at Attari Railway Station. As part of an over-all plan, it is also proposed that Bureau of Immigration will take over the Immigration and Registration functions at Attari Railway Station. This will help in checking the activities of anti-national elements from across the border as the personnel of Bureau of Immigration are better trained and equipped for such functions.